

Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Extension of an Interim Rule", received March 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8006. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework 12 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan", received March 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8007. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA.315B, SA.316B, SA.316C, SA.318B, SA.318C, SA.319B, SE313B, SE3130, SE3160 and SA3180 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-76 (3-9-3-9)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0134), received March 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8008. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90-85B Series Turbofan Engines; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NE-06 (3-9-3-9)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0135), received March 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8009. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bob Fields Aerocessories Inflatable Door Seals; Docket No. 99-SW-76 (3-9-3-9)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0136), received March 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8010. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher GmbH and Co. Model ASW-27 Sailplanes; Docket No. 99-CE-70 (3-8-3-9)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0137), received March 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8011. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB Series Airplanes Powered by Rolls-Royce RB211-535C/E4/E4B Turbofan Engines; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-76 (3-9-3-9)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-01324), received March 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-430. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the entry of China into the World Trade Organization; to the Committee on Finance.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the nation of China has taken steps to become a member of the World Trade Organization; and

Whereas, membership in the World Trade Organization would give China recognition and status as an equal, legitimate partner with other countries in world trade; and

Whereas, China has an abysmal record of human rights, imprisoning those who attempt to engage in legitimate political opposition and oppressing those whose religious or political beliefs differ from those of the regime; and

Whereas, China ignores the rights of its workers and intimidates and imprisons those who seek to improve labor conditions in the country; and

Whereas, China's neighbors consider it a military threat; and

Whereas, the World Trade Organization, through its promotion of global markets, promotes multinational corporations that exploit child labor and sponsor sweatshops and poor working conditions; and

Whereas, the World Trade Organization has not shown itself to be a champion of reform in member countries; and

Whereas, membership in the World Trade Organization would increase import of cheap textiles, made inexpensive by the low pay and poor working conditions of Chinese laborers; and

Whereas, these cheap textile imports would unfairly compete with and would harm Maine's shirt, textile and manufacturing industries; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully request that the members of the Congress of the United States vote against any proposal to grant permanent normal trade relations status to China, which is a precursor to the granting of World Trade Organization membership, and take whatever other actions is in their power to deny membership in the World Trade Organization to the nation of China; and be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-431. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, there are 325,000 households in the State of Maine dependent upon heating oil; and

Whereas, the retail price of heating oil has doubled in the last year; and

Whereas, the supply of heating oil is well below demand, creating a critical shortage; and

Whereas, 8 weeks of the heating season remain; now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That We, your Memorialists, request the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of Energy to release fuel from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale to critically affected regions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That policies necessary to help with the emergency delivery and distribution of this fuel to refineries be implemented, with priority of sale given to critically affected regions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That policies conducive to the establishment of a home heating oil reserve for the benefit of the Northeast Region be implemented; and be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and the Honorable William Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

POM-432. A resolution adopted by the Ocean County (NJ) Board of Health relative to disposal of contaminated materials in the Atlantic Ocean at the Mud Dump site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-433. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to tuberculosis testing and research; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

Whereas, The spread of bovine tuberculosis in Michigan has reached a critical level, threatening the viability of the livestock and dairy industry in this state; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Agriculture is poised to revoke Michigan's TB-free status, thereby requiring the testing of all cattle in the state; and

Whereas, The testing of all cattle in the state will not be possible with currently available resources and the lack of existing facilities; and

Whereas, No known vaccination exists to prevent cattle from acquiring bovine tuberculosis, and the only method to control the spread of the disease is through the slaughter of the infected animal; and

Whereas, The policy of the United States Department of Agriculture is to require the destruction of the entire herd, even if only one animal in the herd is infected; and

Whereas, Current indemnification rates for the destruction of cattle are inadequate, placing an extreme burden on livestock owners; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives is leading a coordinated and committed effort with Michigan farmers, hunters, and business owners to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in this state and restore Michigan's TB-free status; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide funding for the construction of a diagnostic laboratory at Michigan State University to handle the increased testing requirements resulting from a loss of Michigan's TB-free status; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That we memorialize Congress to fund initiatives at Michigan State University to study the spread of bovine tuberculosis through crops and soil; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That we memorialize Congress to provide increased indemnification for the destruction of cattle and federally subsidized loans for the replacement of destroyed herds; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and other appropriate administration officials.

POM-434. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of West

Virginia relative to local television satellite signals; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, Current telecommunications legislation pending in the United States Congress will set national policy for decades to come for all Americans; and

Whereas, Current legislation will authorize the retransmission of local television signals by satellite; and

Whereas, Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) companies have testified before Congress that they only intend to retransmit certain local television broadcast signals within certain local television markets, those being highly populated urban markets where the infrastructure will support a for-profit venture; and

Whereas, More than fifty million households in small- and medium-sized markets must be treated as equals to their urban counterparts. These citizens pay the same taxes and deserve the same news, weather, emergency forecasts and community-building programs that larger urban areas will be receiving; and

Whereas, Sixteen states, including West Virginia, are not included in any satellite company's initial plans to provide "local-to-local" service; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That the Senate hereby urges the United States Congress to adopt legislation that will establish loan guarantee programs or other mechanisms for the delivery of local satellite signals to markets otherwise not receiving local satellite signals; and, be it

*Further resolved*, That the purposes of such national legislation will be to guarantee the delivery by satellite of over-the-air local television stations to small- and medium-sized markets to ensure the "digital divide" is not made wider by national satellite policy; and, be it

*Further resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate for distribution to the members of each legislative chamber.

POM-435. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Alabama relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

Whereas, the convention established a comprehensive framework addressing women's rights within political, cultural, economic, social, and family contexts that serves to strengthen the existing body of standards respecting fundamental human rights by providing a uniform and universal definition of discrimination; and

Whereas, the convention has already demonstrated its value by serving as the instrument by which women in Sri Lanka and Zambia have improved their status; and

Whereas, in 1992, Sri Lanka adopted a charter that was based on the convention and which guaranteed women equal status; in 1985, Zambia also ratified the convention and in 1991 extended its Bill of Rights to cover sex discrimination; and

Whereas, as of June 1997, 161 nations had ratified the convention's provisions; and

Whereas, although the United States is considered a world leader in the protection of basic human rights, supports and has a position of leadership in the United Nations, and was an active participant in the drafting and is a signatory of the convention, the United States is one of the few nations that has not ratified the treaty; and

Whereas, although women have made progress in the struggle for equality in the political, cultural, economic, social, and family contexts, there is much more to be accomplished; and through its support, leadership, and prestige, the United States can help create a world where women are no longer discriminated against and would achieve one of the most fundamental of human rights, that of equality; now therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama*, That we urge the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and to support the convention's continuing goals.

*Be it further resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, and every member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

POM-436. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Alabama relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 9, 2000, the following report of committee was submitted on March 15, 2000:

By Mr. GRAMM, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2097: A bill to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-243).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 408. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center (Rept. No. 106-244).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1218. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-245).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (Rept. No. 106-246).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 2251. An original bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2248. A bill to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide